RECEIVED AND RECORDED

Book No.

ober 9, 2019 ommission Meeting

Page No.

Minutes of October 9, 2019
Wolfeboro Heritage Commission Meeting
Wolfeboro Town Hall - Annex

The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm by chair Maggie Stier

Members Present: Vaune Dugan, Maggie Stier, Suzanne Ryan, Pat Hodder, Anne Blodget, Ronn Bronzetti, Cindy Melanson.

Public Present: John Simms

The minutes of the Sept 11, 2019 meeting were circulated and unanimously approved.

The agenda had listed a joint meeting with the Wolfeboro Historical Society. Pat Hodder spoke for the Society and shared apologies that Gene Denu could not attend, and that their facility has no heat so could not host a joint meeting. Their volunteer team is small. She noted that she has taken on the lecture series for next season, and they have been approached by the library to work together on this with the topic of climate change. Maggie Stier suggested that the HC might be interested in partnering if the subject were local history topics. After some discussion, it was decided that the HC would organize a series on local history, to be held in late winter or early spring. Suggested topics and speakers were elicted and Anne and Ronn volunteered to contact and invite these possible presenters. It was also decided to invite the chair of the Wakefield Heritage Commission to meet with the Wolfeboro Commission for purposes of member training and information. Maggie agreed to try to set this up.

<u>Old Business</u>: There was further discussion of what the HC budget request should consist of. We are still anticipating a charrette focused on the Railroad station complex and possibly the town-owned buildings on Lehner Street through PlanNH. Maggie said PlanNH director Robin LeBlanc is coming to Wolfeboro at the end of October to meet with Matt Sullivan and perhaps others. Maggie will check on this and convey our hope that the HC will be a partner in this endeavor. Cost is \$6000.

The other <u>possible expenditure</u> is to hire a preservation consultant to do a survey of the town's historic resources, the first step in preservation planning and a recommended task for Heritage Commissions. Maggie will contact two consultants and try to get estimates. She suggested that a reasonable budget figure would be \$3000 and that would at least get us started. The consensus was to also include a request for \$500 for Commission expenses. Suzanne will pass along this request to the TM.

<u>Public Input</u>: John Simms updated the board on the progress of the Lakes Region Model Railroad Museum project, saying they expect to reach their fund-raising goals by the end of the year. He also said their plan is to present the Wolfeboro RR story. Maggie said she has made progress on the State Register application for the freight shed but won't have time to submit it until early November.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 6, at 5:30 pm in the Town Hall Annex. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Stier